

LISTING OF CLAIMS

Claim 1 (cancelled)

Claim 2 (cancelled)

Claim 3 (previously presented)

A painting tool in accordance with Claim 11 wherein:

the means mounted to the coupling surface includes an elongated portion having two sides including sloped parallel edge portions, said edge portions slidably engaging the extending side channel portions of the pad coupling surface and further including

a tab on one of said edge portions engaging the cutaway section of one side portion to lock the pad to the mounting means.

Claim 4 (cancelled)

Claim 5 (cancelled)

Claim 6 (cancelled)

Claim 7 (cancelled)

Claim 8 (cancelled)

Claim 9 (cancelled)

Claim 10 (cancelled)

Claim 11 (currently amended)

A painting tool comprising:

a flat pad having a paint absorbing portion comprising a first paint engaging side and a second side having an elongated coupling surface mounted thereto;

means mounted to the coupling surface having an upwardly projecting portion including a recessed socket therein;

a handle including a handle portion having a ball at one end to engage the recessed socket, an elongated intermediate portion, and an externally threaded surface at the other end;

mounting means securing the ball within the socket to permit rotation of the pad through 360 degrees and permitting the pad to be locked in position; and,

the pad comprises an integral elongated body and wherein the coupling surface comprises a rigid substantially rectangular main body having parallel side portions, said side portions each having inwardly and upwardly extending portions forming a channel and one of said side portions having a cutaway section.